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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Rejection Under Noji et al (6,158,226)

The Examiner rejected claims 6, 8, 10, and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Noji et al (6,158,226). "Under 35 U.S.C. § 102, anticipation requires that each and every element of the claimed invention be disclosed in a prior art